



3762
\$

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. F-5489 (0360-0166)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re application of:)
Thomas Westberg et al.)
Serial No. 09/389,504)
Filed: September 3, 1999)
Group Art No.: 3762)
Examiner: Patricia Bianco)
For: Blood Separation Systems)
Using Multiple Function)
Pump Station to Perform)
Different On-Line)
Processing Tasks)

RECEIVED

SEP 22 2005

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached form, which the documents may be material to the examination of this application. All of the references cited with this Information Disclosure Statement are U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications with the exception of three non-U.S. references. It is believed that copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not required to be submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of the present

application pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.98. However, should the Examiner require copies of these references, Applicant will provide them upon request. Copies of the non-U.S. documents are enclosed and the English translations of the two Japanese patents are being submitted herewith.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus or method disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Also, the citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of the documents herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the documents is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of the documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the present patent application.

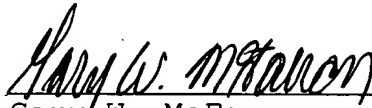
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted

after the first Office Action and before the Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, the required fee under 1.17(p) of \$180.00 is enclosed. Should an additional fee be required, authorization is hereby given to charge **Deposit Account 50-1039**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 14, 2005

By:


Gary W. McFarron
Reg. No. 27,357
COOK, ALEX, MC FARRON, MANZO,
CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.
200 W. Adams St., Ste. 2850
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone: (312) 236-8500
Fax: (312) 236-8176

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/389,504
--------------------	------------

Filing Date	09/03/1999
-------------	------------

First Named Inventor	Thomas Westberg
----------------------	-----------------

Art Unit	3762
----------	------

Examiner Name	Patricia Bianco
---------------	-----------------

Attorney Docket Number F-5489 (0360-0166)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if known) ²			
		US- 5,746,708		05-05-1998	Giesler et al.	
		US- 5,738,796		04-14-1998	Bormann et al.	
		US- 5,954,971		09-21-1999	Pages et al.	
		US- 5,690,815		11-25-1997	Krasnoff et al.	
		US- 6,106,727		08-22-2000	Krasnoff et al.	
		US- 6,322,709		11-27-2001	Krasnoff et al.	
		US- 4,605,503	A	08-12-1986	Brown	
		US- 5,649,903	A	07-22-1997	Schoendorfer	
		US- 5,762,791	A	06-09-1998	Duff	
		US- 5,443,451		08-22-1995	Chapman et al.	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

RECEIVED

SEP 22 2005

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

**Examiner
Signature**

Date
Considered

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.